



## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 • 10AM

We are glad that you are here to worship with us today. Please take the time before the service for silent prayer and meditation. Let us know more about you by signing the guest book near the front door. We welcome you to be part of our programs & community life.



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*The service is in the red Book of Common Prayer; hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

**Processional Hymn 129**, *Christ upon the mountain peak*

MOWSLEY

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Collect for Purity

**Gloria**

*see Service Music Card in pew*

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading:

A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

2 KINGS 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

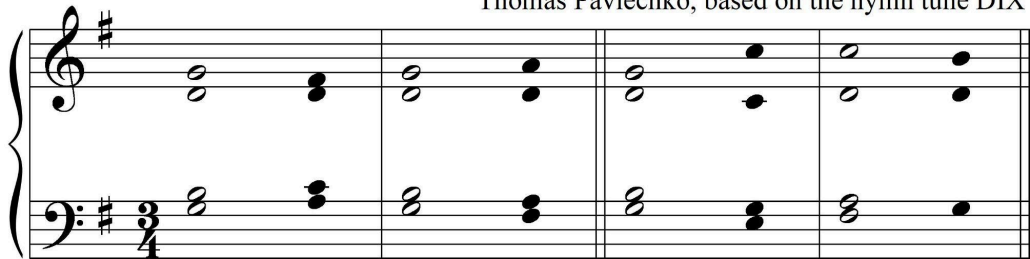
Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Thomas Pavlechko, based on the hymn tune DIX



- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has **spoken**; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its **setting**.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its **beauty**, \*  
God reveals himself in **glory**.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep **silence**; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging **storm**.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from **above** \*  
to witness the judgment of his **people**.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal **followers**, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me and  
sealed it with **sacrifice**."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his **cause**; \*  
for God himself is **judge**.

The Second Lesson:

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 137, *O wondrous type! O vision fair***

WAREHAM

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

MARK 9:2-9

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP, p. 388

The Confession & Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

*Please exchange God's Peace*

*Welcome and Announcements*

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Anthems of Love* Dan Forrest  
*All Saints Choir*

**The Doxology** *see Service Music pew card*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

**Sursum Corda** *see Service Music pew card*

**Sanctus** *see Service Music pew card*

**The Great Amen** *see Service Music pew card*

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem** *see Service Music pew card*

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion which will be offered as both bread and wine. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest at the altar rail. If you need to receive Communion in your pew, please let an usher know. If you are not receiving today, please come forward for a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn 133, O Light of Light, Love given birth** ELMHURST (Ratcliff)

Post- Communion Prayer BCP, p. 365

The Blessing

**Closing Hymn 618, Ye watchers and ye holy ones** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*During the hymn the Alleluia banner is processed out of the Church, a reminder that we "bury" the Alleluia for the season of Lent.*

The Dismissal

Postlude

### Our Ministers Today

**Ushers:** Bob Jackson, John McGrath

**Lector:** Leigh Gillespie

**Lay Eucharistist Minister:** Waring Webb

**Altar Guild:** Stephanie Posella, Candy Pecoraro, Mary Pagel

*Join us after service for our Mardi Gras Waffle Feast to celebrate the Last Sunday after Epiphany (and before Lent)!*

## **Lenten Offerings**

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.** Worship and prayer will be available at the following times:

- **11:45am-1pm** - Drop-in for Ashes & Prayer in the Church. Come on your own schedule; stay as long as you like for quiet meditation.
- **4pm** - Children's Ash Wednesday Service. Simple, low-key service with ashes for kids and their families in the Children's Corner.
- **7:30pm** - Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Holy Eucharist & Ashes, with choir.

**Noonday Prayer** - Tuesdays at 12pm, in the Church. This is a short service of Psalms, prayers, and reflection. Take a break for quiet and centering in the middle of your day. Starts this week, Feb. 13.

### **Lenten Lunch & Learn**

**Starts this Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 12:15pm in the Rath House.** We'll meet to read and discuss Rowan Williams' book "Being Christian."

**Bring a sandwich; coffee & tea will be available.** Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and let us know if you want us to order you a book. Rowan Williams is the former Archbishop of Canterbury and well-known for his ability to put important ideas into accessible language. Hope to see you there!

**Lenten Quiet Day Retreat** - Saturday, March 16, 10am-1:30pm here at All Saints'. Sister Monica Clare, csjb will be our retreat leader. Topic: "Creative Ways to Pray". Cost: \$15, a light lunch is included. Register via email [allsaints\\_rector@hotmail.com](mailto:allsaints_rector@hotmail.com) or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

### *Clergy, Vestry & Staff*

**Rector:** The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath

**Wardens:** Wendy Clarkson & Janet Gibbs

**Vestry:** Stewart Cunningham, Matt Dalmedo,

Melissa Pagliaro, Betsy Wallace, Waring Webb

**Clerk:** Janet Gibbs

**Treasurer:** Bob Jackson

**Music Director:** Alison Siener Brown

**Administrator:** Susie Harris

# All Saints' Announcements

**Ten Years on the Tenth!** A Parish Lunch Party to celebrate Alison Siener Brown's ten years of ministry at All Saints'. March 10, 11:15 am in the Parish Hall. *Please sign up and bring a dish to share: appetizer, dessert, or beverage; and how you will help with set-up or clean-up, etc.*

**Looking Ahead** - Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, March 3, at 11:15am

**Save the Date: Argyle Fish & Chips**, Thursday, April 18. Please put this fun community event and fund-raiser on your calendar now.

**Flags to be Cleaned** - the flags hanging in our Chancel are long overdue for a cleaning! And Lent is a good time to do it, when we pare things back in our worship and focus more clearly on the Cross. They will be taken down before Ash Wednesday and return after Easter Day

## Parish Calendar

*Week of February 11*

**Monday** - Parish Office, 10:30am-6pm

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- \* Noonday Prayer, 12pm in Church
- \* Lenten Lunch & Learn, 12:15pm in the Rath House
- \* Finance Committee, 7:15pm on Zoom

**Wednesday**

- \* Bible Study, 10:15am on Zoom
- \* Drop-in for Ashes & Prayer, 11:45-1pm in Church
- \* Children's Ash Wednesday Service, 4pm in Church
- \* Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 7:30pm in Church
- \* All Saints' Choir, 8:30pm in the Choir Room

**Thursday** - Parish Office, 9:30-5:30pm

- \* Office Angels, 2pm in Rath House
- \* Twelve Baskets Food Pantry, 5-6pm in the Parish House
- \* Bell Choir, 6pm in the Undercroft

**Daily** - Compline (Bedtime Prayers), 9:30pm on Facebook Live